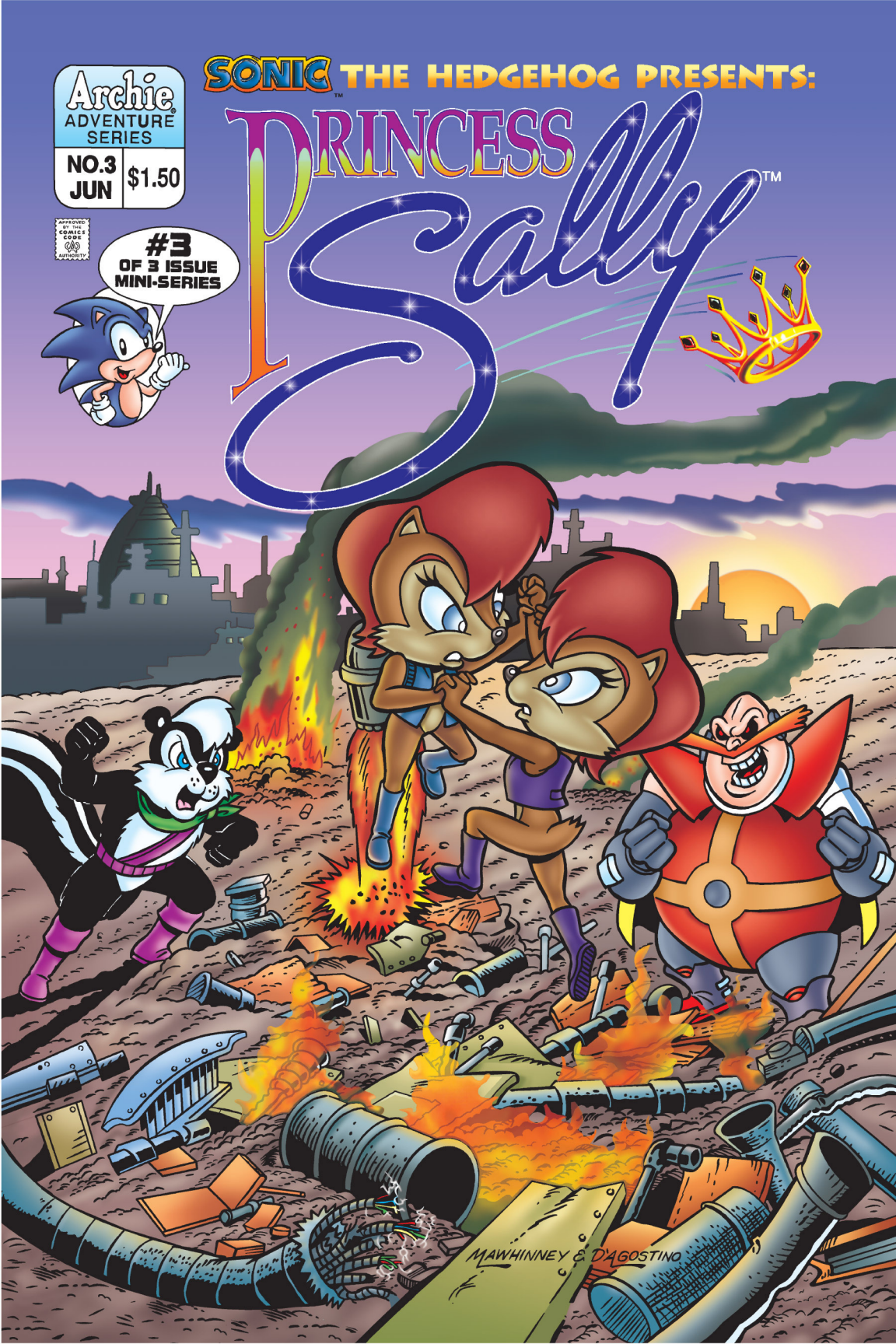
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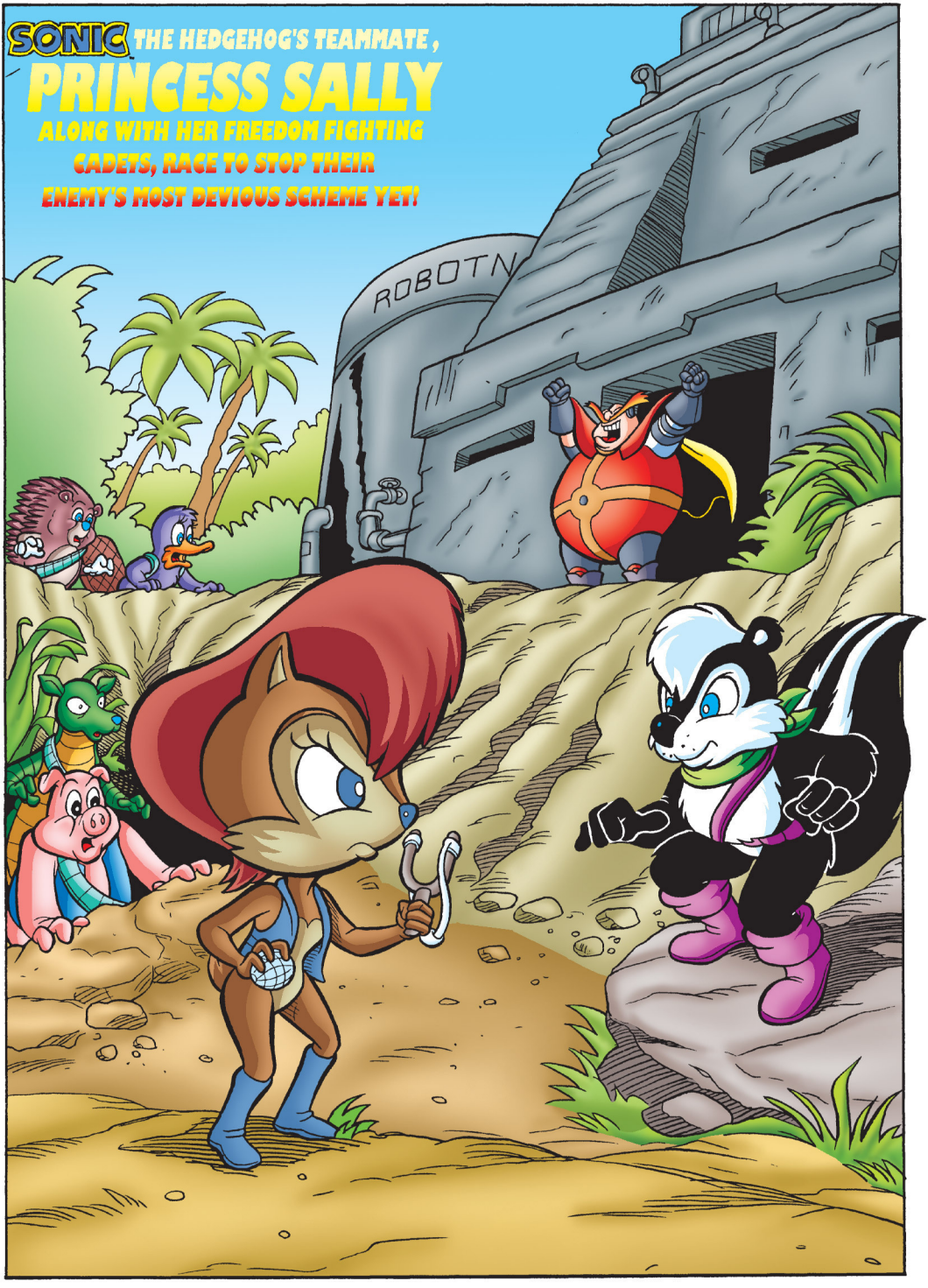
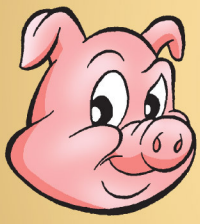

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S TEAMMATE,
PRINCESS SALLY
ALONG WITH HER FREEDOM FIGHTING
CADETS, RACE TO STOP THEIR
ENEMY'S MOST DEVIOUS SCHEME YET!
ROBOTN

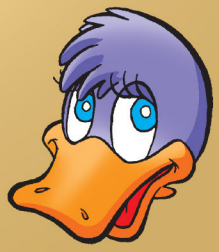
One of the many outstanding qualities **Princess Sally** reveals in her capacity as **Commander-in-Chief** of the **Freedom Fighters** and spearhead of the resistance movement against evil tyrant **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**, is swift, sure **judgement.** The combination of this attribute with her ability to take **decisive action** regardless of personal cost, contributes to the Freedom Fighters' success as a team.

While her troops play out their appointed roles, only Sally sees the **big picture**: to lead effectively, she must retain their trust and respect, for in a war there is no room for hesitation. When she gives an order, it is to be carried out -- no questions asked, no answers given! Their loyalty must remain absolute at all times, or the cause is already lost.

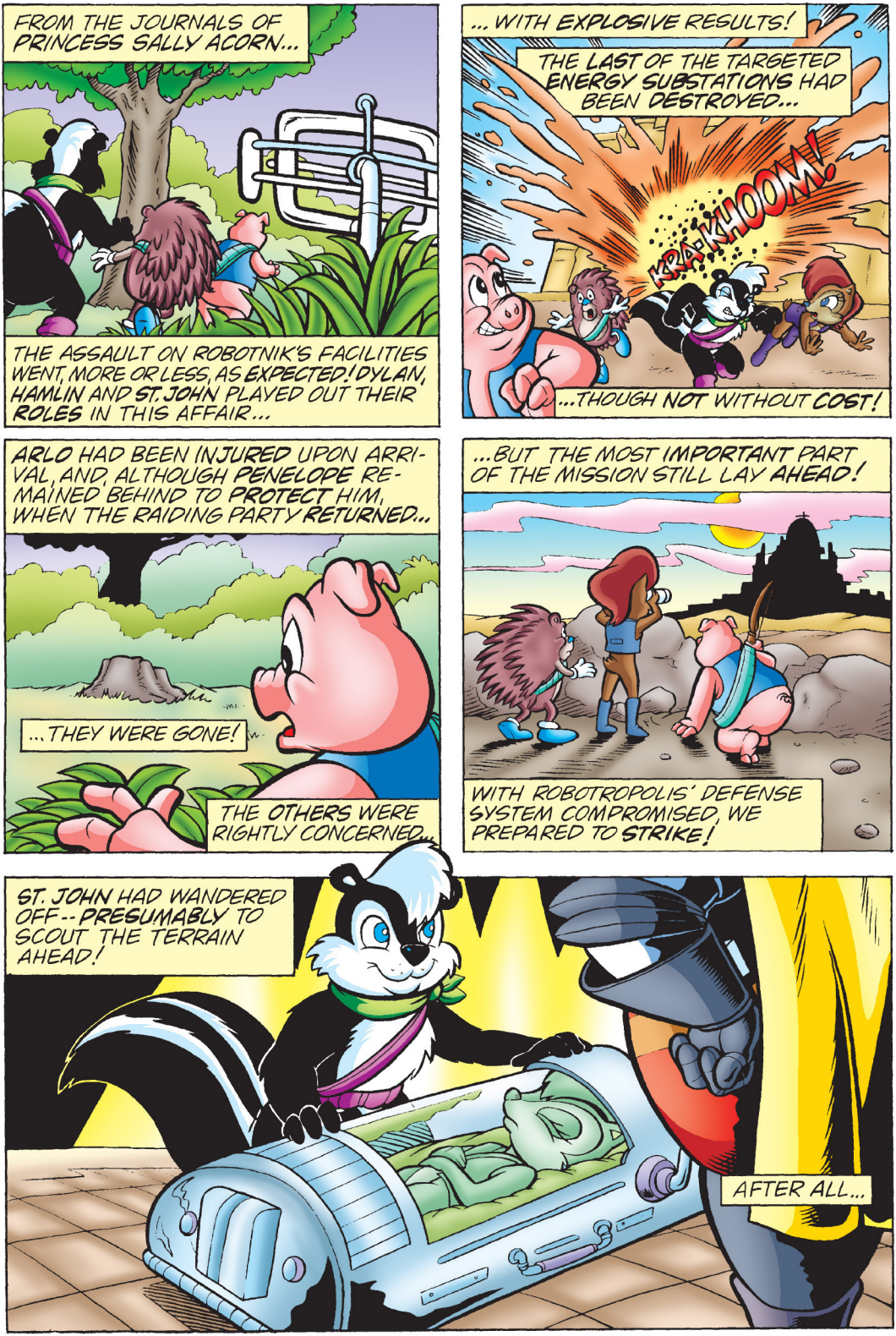


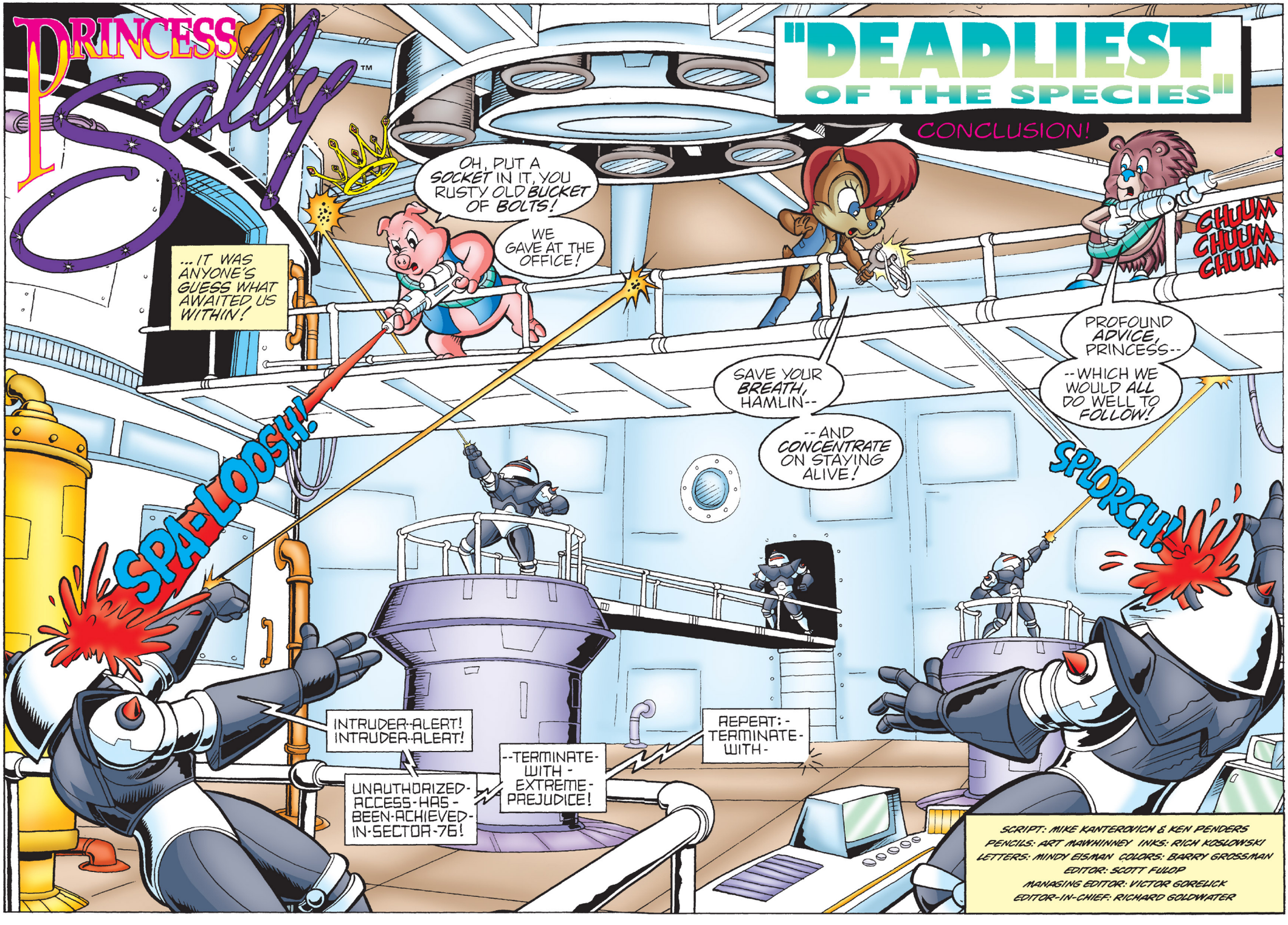
Entrusted with the lives of her charges, the young Princess wears the mantle of leadership stoically. Often called upon to make tough choices by virtue of her rank, she longs for the day when peace and prosperity once again reign over the planet **Mobius**.

But until that day, she will fight to free her people.



And they will fight, courageously, by her side. . .


FROM THE JOURNALS OF PRINCESS SALLY ACORN...
THE ASSAULT ON ROBOTNIK'S FACILITIES WENT, MORE OR LESS, AS EXPECTED! DYLAN, HAMLIN AND ST. JOHN PLAYED OUT THEIR ROLES IN THIS AFFAIR...
...WITH EXPLOSIVE RESULTS!
THE LAST OF THE TARGETED ENERGY SUBSTATIONS HAD BEEN DESTROYED...
KRA-KHOOM!
...THOUGH NOT WITHOUT COST!
ARLO HAD BEEN INJURED UPON ARRIVAL, AND, ALTHOUGH PENELOPE REMAINED BEHIND TO PROTECT HIM, WHEN THE RAIDING PARTY RETURNED...
...THEY WERE GONE!
THE OTHERS WERE RIGHTLY CONCERNED...
...BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE MISSION STILL LAY AHEAD!
WITH ROBOTROPOLIS' DEFENSE SYSTEM COMPROMISED, WE PREPARED TO STRIKE!
ST. JOHN HAD WANDERED OFF -- PRESUMABLY TO SCOUT THE TERRAIN AHEAD!
AFTER ALL...


PRINCESS Sally™
"DEADLIEST OF THE SPECIES"
CONCLUSION!
...IT WAS ANYONE'S GUESS WHAT AWAITED US WITHIN!
OH, PUT A SOCKET IN IT, YOU RUSTY OLD BUCKET OF BOLTS!
WE GAVE AT THE OFFICE!
SPA-LOOSH!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, HAMLIN--
--AND CONCENTRATE ON STAYING ALIVE!
CHUUM CHUUM CHUUM
PROFOUND ADVICE, PRINCESS--
--WHICH WE WOULD ALL DO WELL TO FOLLOW!
SPLORCH!
INTRUDER-ALERT! INTRUDER-ALERT!
UNAUTHORIZED-ACCESS-HAS-BEEN-ACHIEVED-IN-SECTOR-76!
--TERMINATE-WITH-EXTREME-PREJUDICE!
REPEAT:-TERMINATE-WITH-
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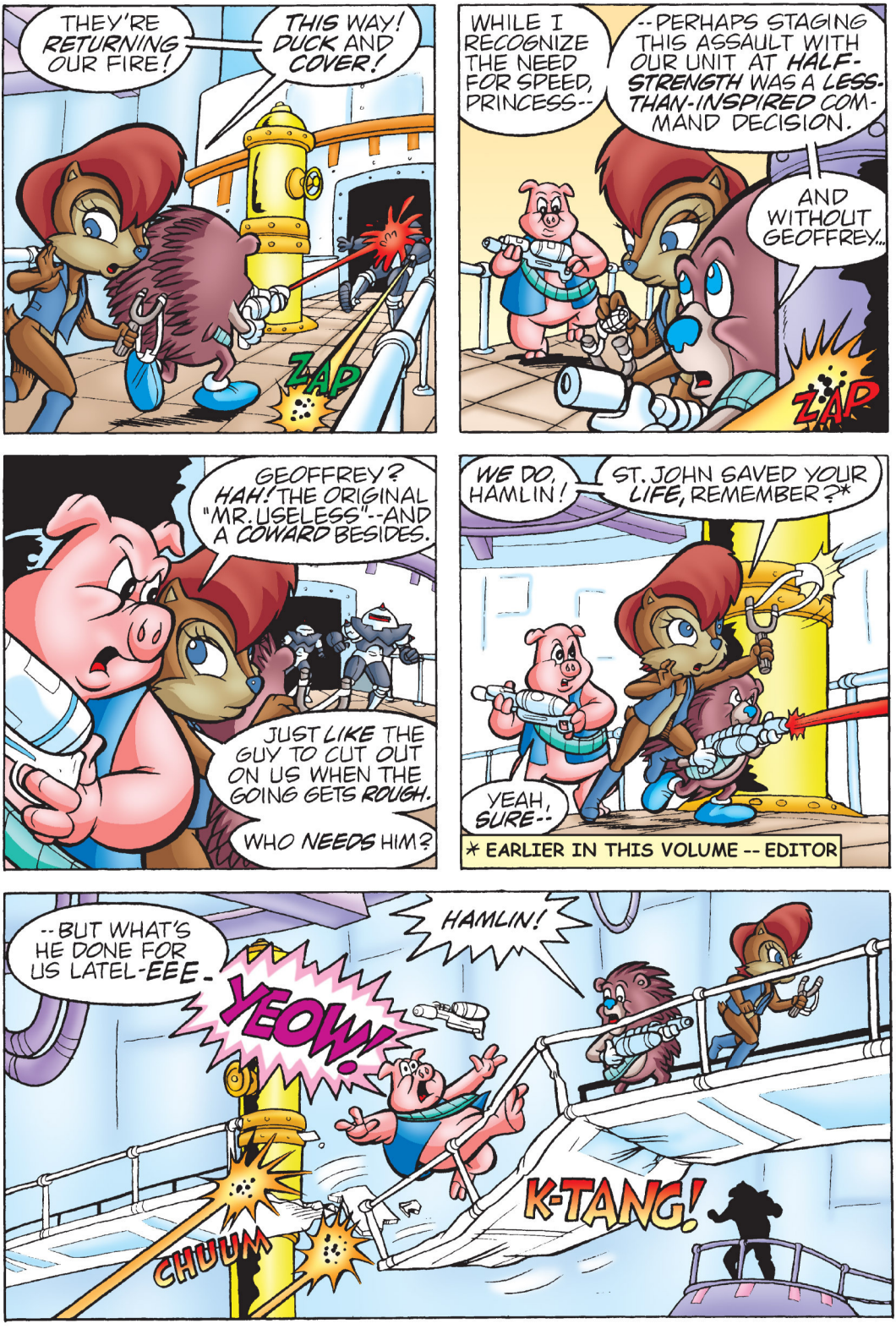
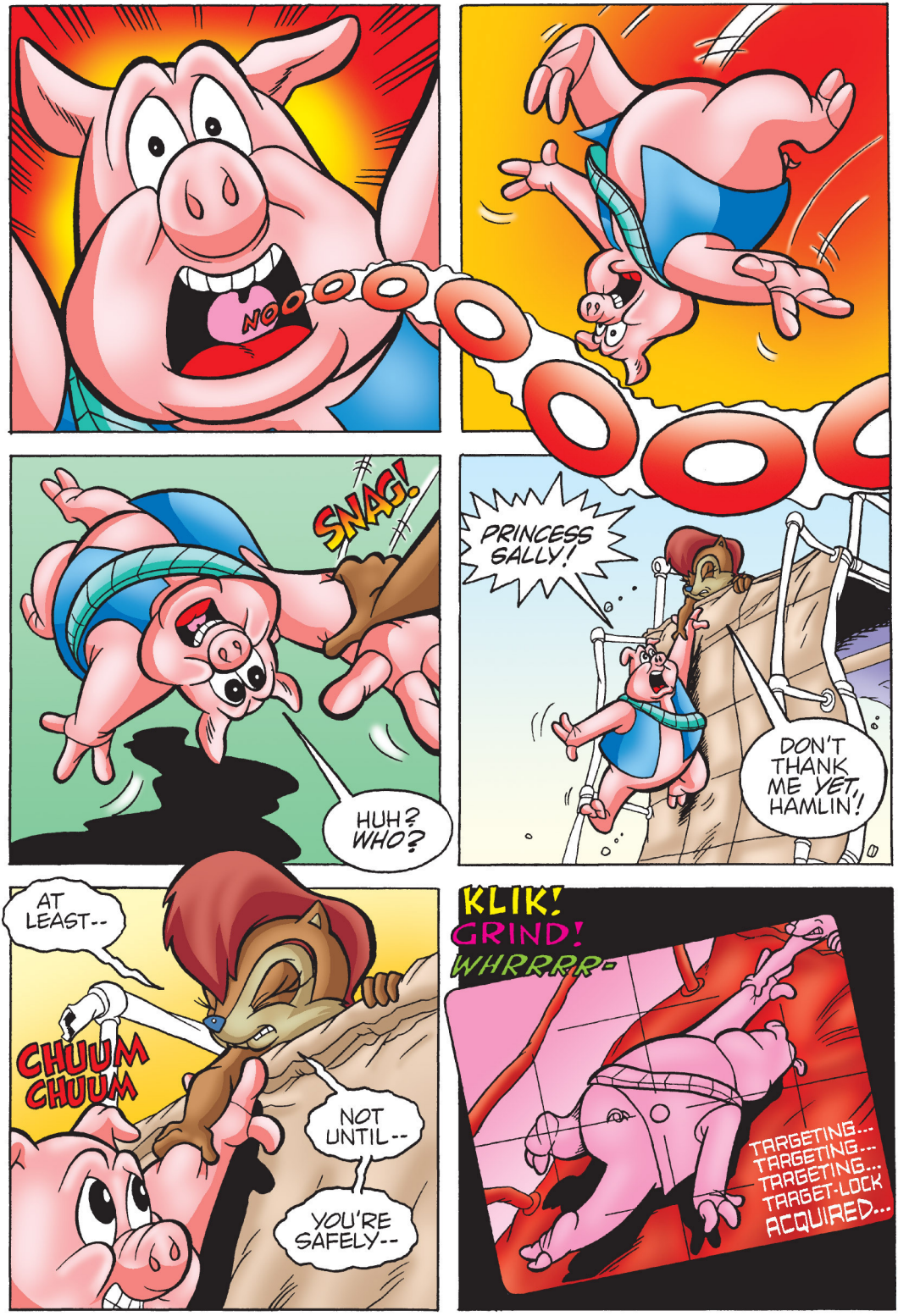

THEY'RE RETURNING OUR FIRE!
THIS WAY! DUCK AND COVER!
ZAP
WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR SPEED, PRINCESS--
--PERHAPS STAGING THIS ASSAULT WITH OUR UNIT AT HALF-STRENGTH WAS A LESS-THAN-INSPIRED COMMAND DECISION.
AND WITHOUT GEOFFREY...
ZAP
GEOFFREY? HAH! THE ORIGINAL "MR. USELESS"--AND A COWARD BESIDES.
JUST LIKE THE GUY TO CUT OUT ON US WHEN THE GOING GETS ROUGH.
WHO NEEDS HIM?
WE DO, HAMLIN!
ST. JOHN SAVED YOUR LIFE, REMEMBER?*
YEAH, SURE--
* EARLIER IN THIS VOLUME -- EDITOR
--BUT WHAT'S HE DONE FOR US LATEL-EEE-
HAMLIN!
YEOW!
CHUUM
K-TANG!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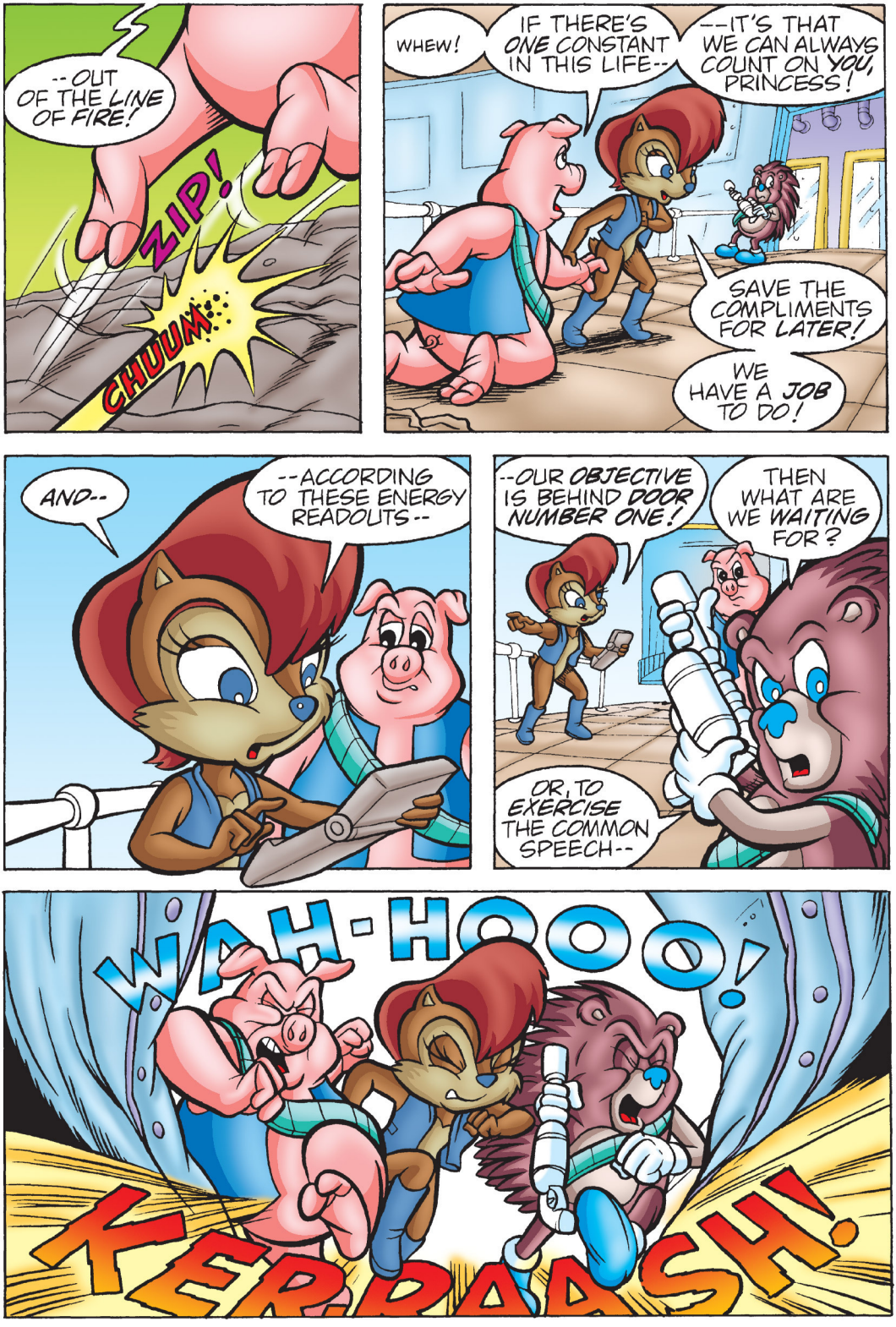
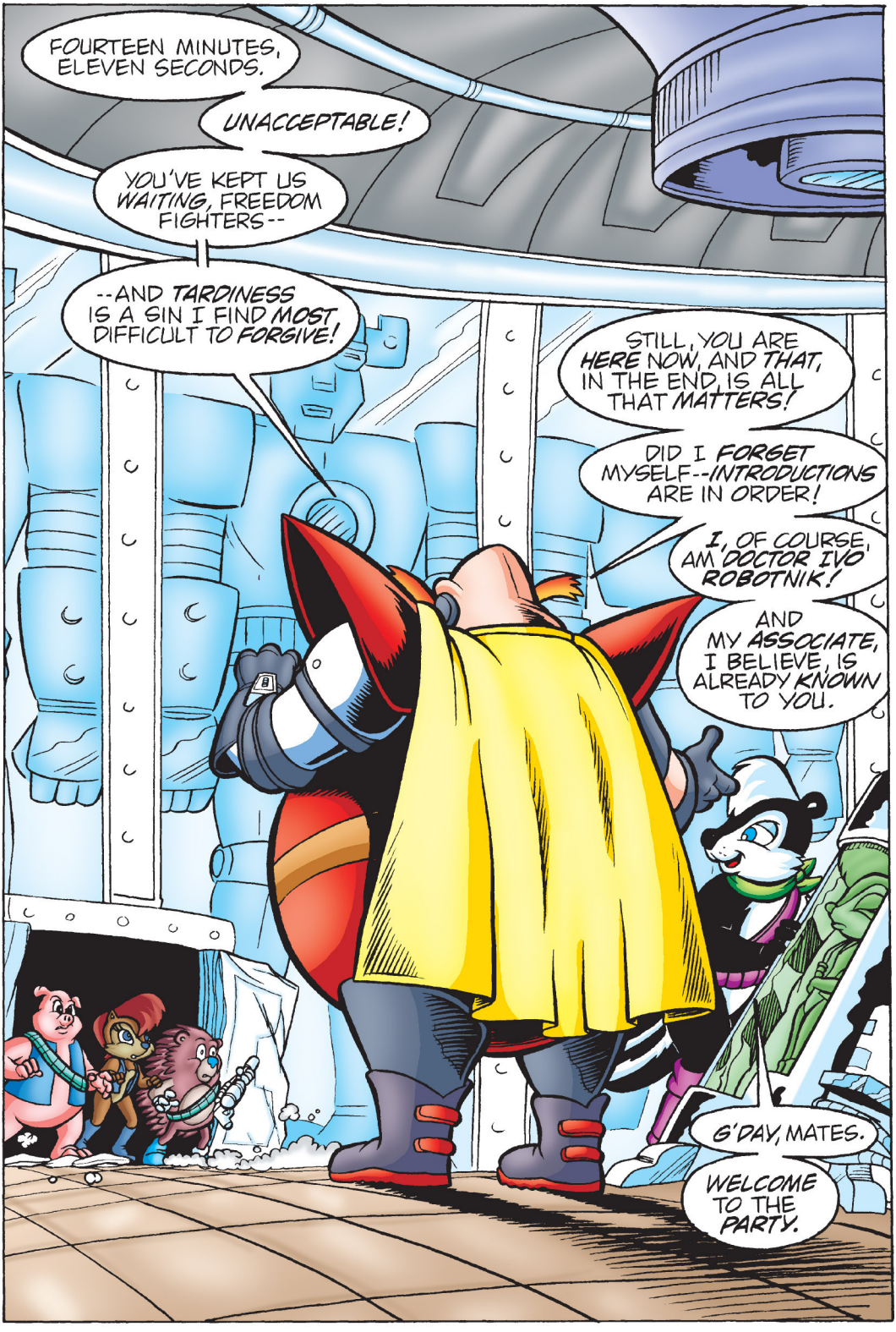
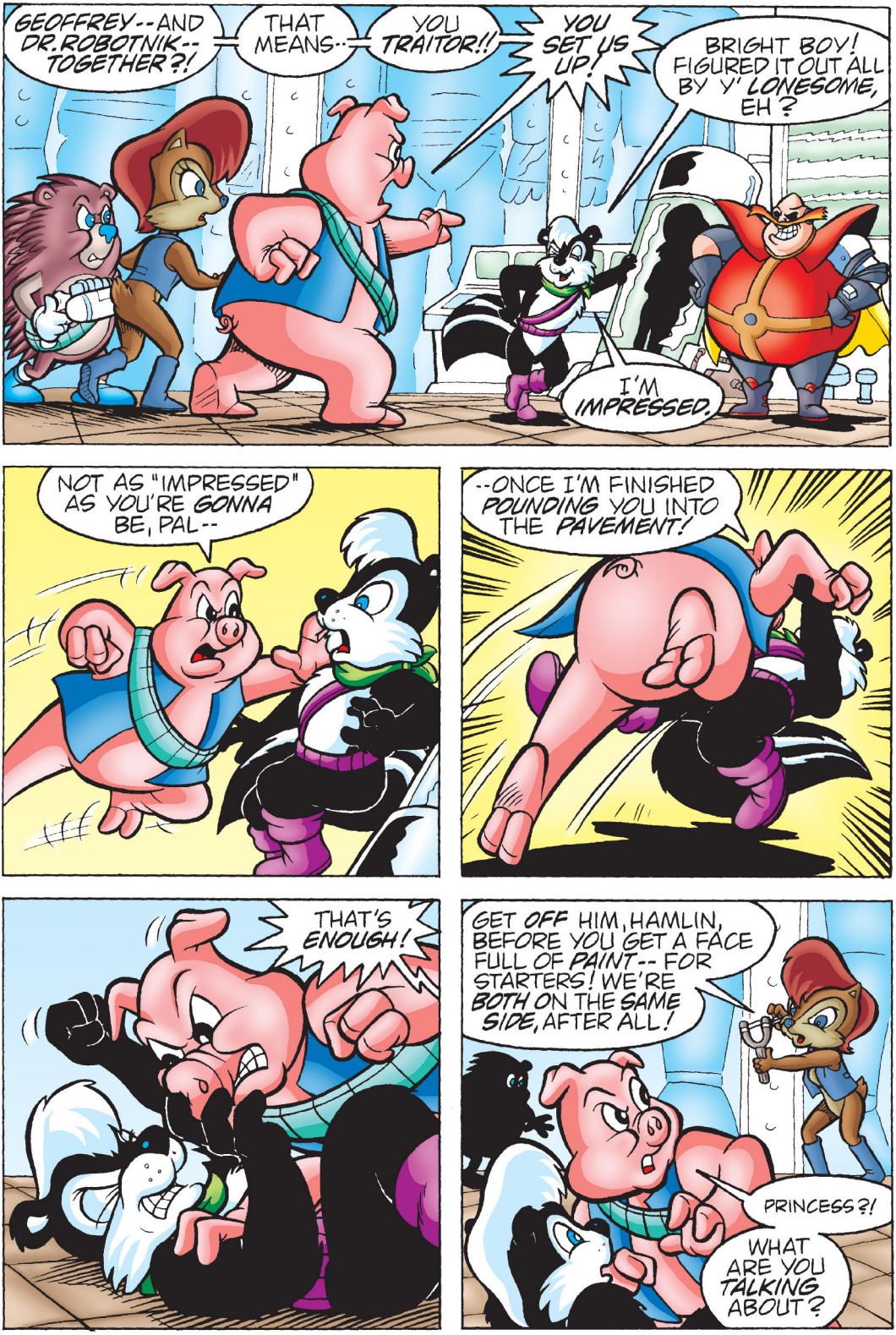
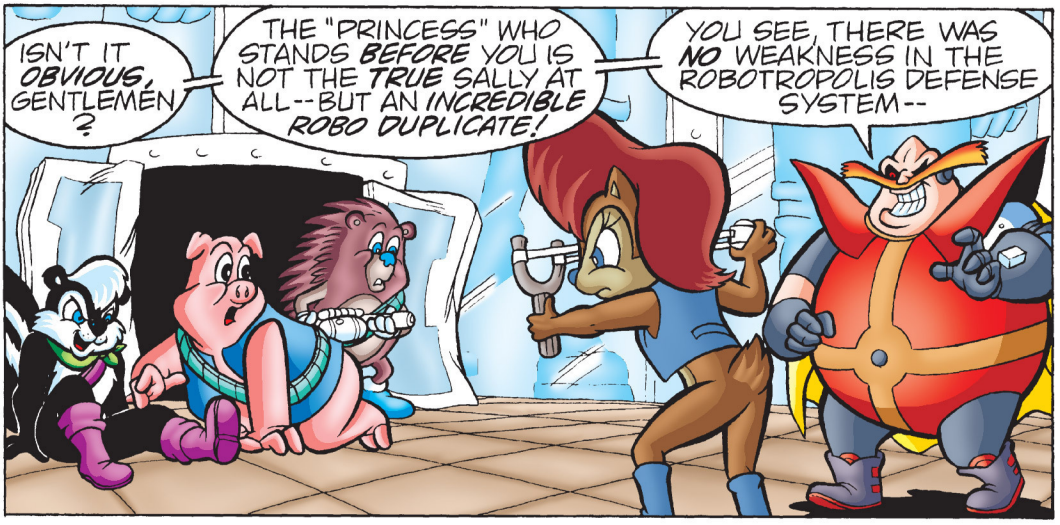
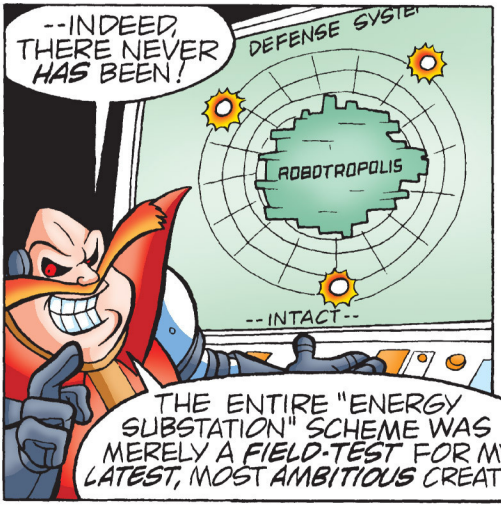
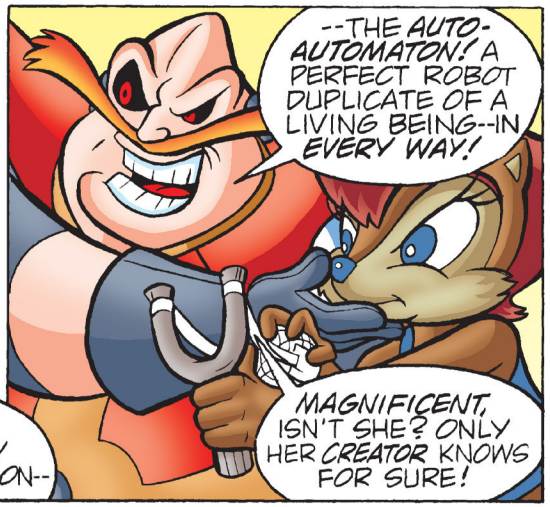

--OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE!
ZIP!
CHUUM!
WHEW!
IF THERE'S ONE CONSTANT IN THIS LIFE--
--IT'S THAT WE CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU, PRINCESS!
SAVE THE COMPLIMENTS FOR LATER!
WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!
AND--
--ACCORDING TO THESE ENERGY READOUTS--
--OUR OBJECTIVE IS BEHIND DOOR NUMBER ONE!
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
OR, TO EXERCISE THE COMMON SPEECH--
WAH-HOOO!
KER-DASH!

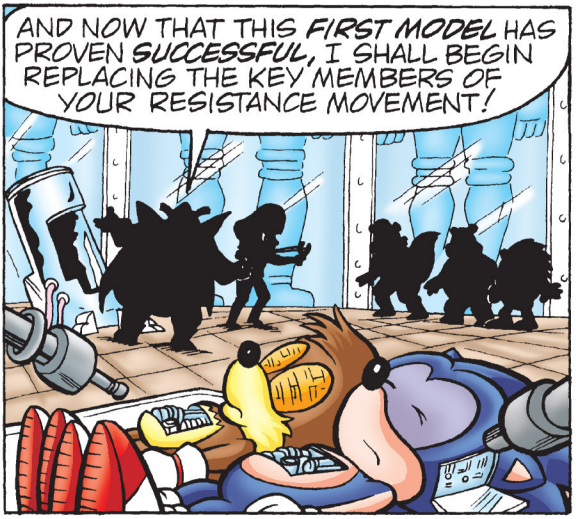

FOURTEEN MINUTES, ELEVEN SECONDS.
UNACCEPTABLE!
YOU'VE KEPT US WAITING, FREEDOM FIGHTERS--
--AND TARDINESS IS A SIN I FIND MOST DIFFICULT TO FORGIVE!
STILL, YOU ARE HERE NOW, AND THAT, IN THE END, IS ALL THAT MATTERS!
DID I FORGET MYSELF--INTRODUCTIONS ARE IN ORDER!
I, OF COURSE, AM DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!
AND MY ASSOCIATE, I BELIEVE, IS ALREADY KNOWN TO YOU.
G'DAY, MATES.
WELCOME TO THE PARTY.


GEOFFREY--AND DR. ROBOTNIK--TOGETHER?!
THAT MEANS--
YOU TRAITOR!!
YOU SET US UP!
BRIGHT BOY! FIGURED IT OUT ALL BY Y' LONESOME, EH?
I'M IMPRESSED.
NOT AS "IMPRESSED" AS YOU'RE GONNA BE, PAL--
--ONCE I'M FINISHED POUNDING YOU INTO THE PAVEMENT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
GET OFF HIM, HAMLIN, BEFORE YOU GET A FACE FULL OF PAINT-- FOR STARTERS! WE'RE BOTH ON THE SAME SIDE, AFTER ALL!
PRINCESS?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

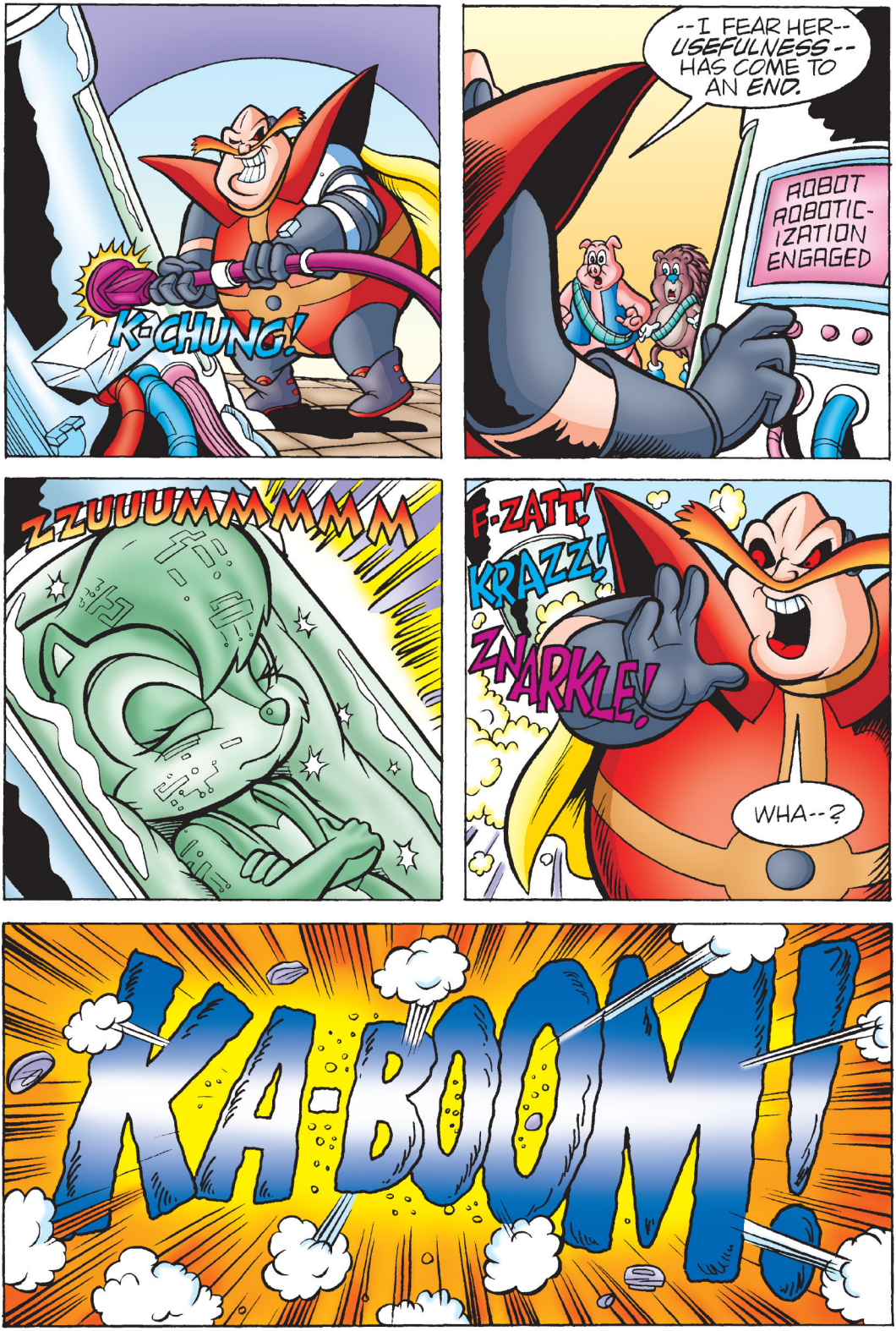

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, GENTLEMEN?
THE "PRINCESS" WHO STANDS BEFORE YOU IS NOT THE TRUE SALLY AT ALL--BUT AN INCREDIBLE ROBO DUPLICATE!
YOU SEE, THERE WAS NO WEAKNESS IN THE ROBOTROPOLIS DEFENSE SYSTEM--

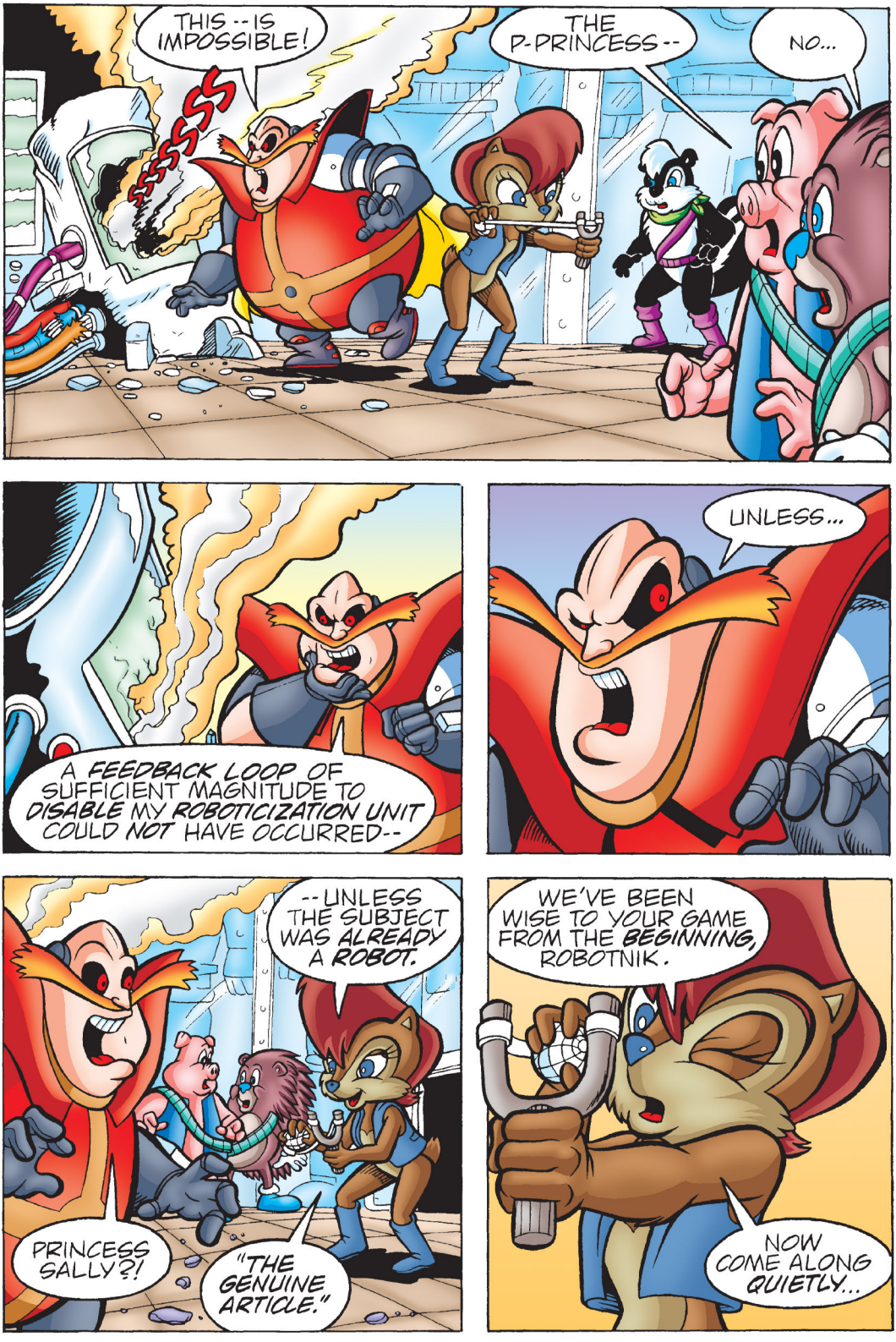

--INDEED, THERE NEVER HAS BEEN!
DEFENSE SYSTE
ROBOTROPOLIS
--INTACT--
THE ENTIRE "ENERGY SUBSTATION" SCHEME WAS MERELY A FIELD-TEST FOR MY LATEST, MOST AMBITIOUS CREATION--


--THE AUTO-AUTOMATON! A PERFECT ROBOT DUPLICATE OF A LIVING BEING--IN EVERY WAY!
MAGNIFICENT, ISN'T SHE? ONLY HER CREATOR KNOWS FOR SURE!


AND NOW THAT THIS FIRST MODEL HAS PROVEN SUCCESSFUL, I SHALL BEGIN REPLACING THE KEY MEMBERS OF YOUR RESISTANCE MOVEMENT!

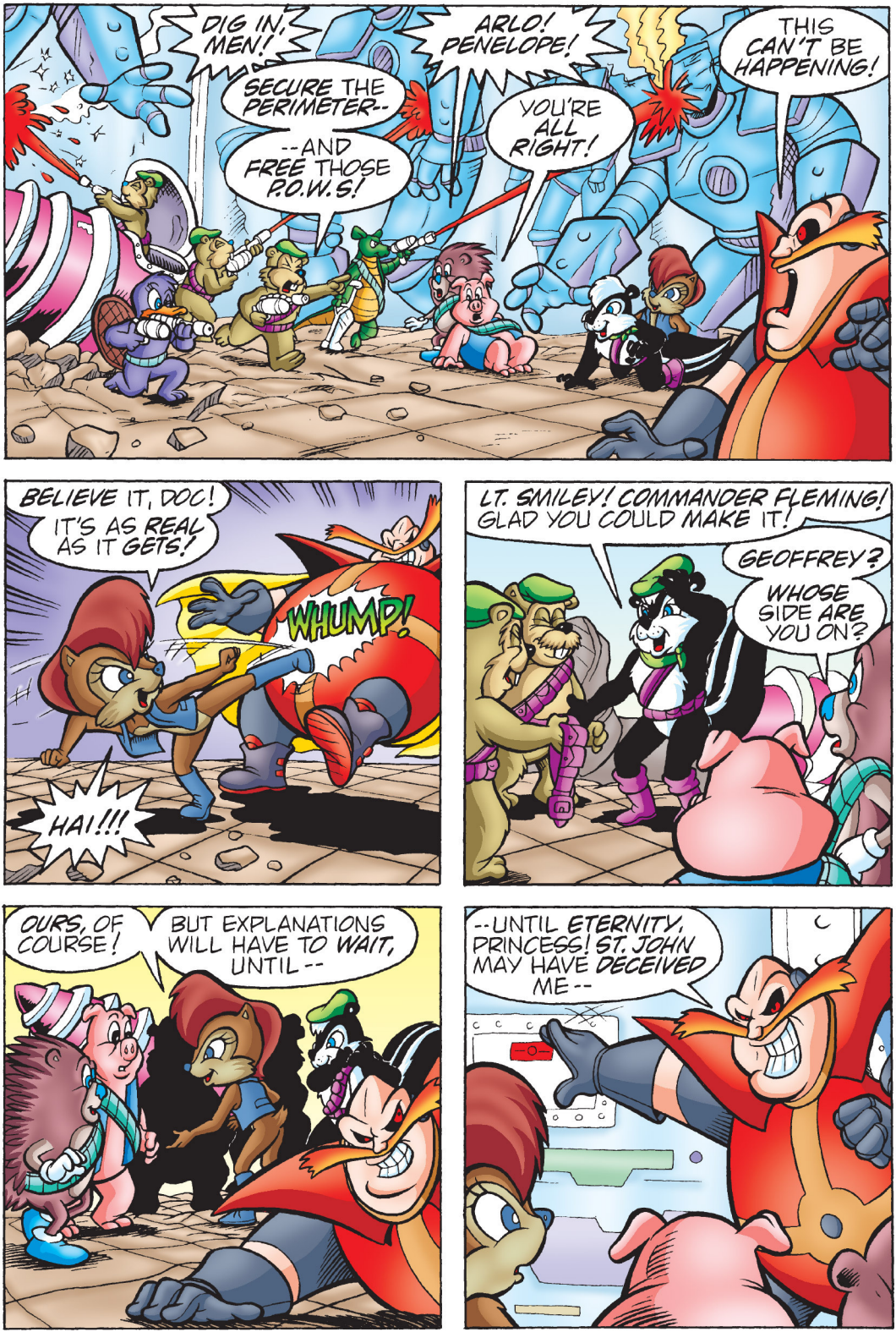
AS FOR THE GENUINE ARTICLE--
--DELIVERED TO ME BY YOUR "ASSOCIATE"--REBEL UNDERGROUND LEADER GEOFFREY ST. JOHN--


K-CHUNG!
--I FEAR HER-- USEFULNESS -- HAS COME TO AN END.
ROBOT ROBOTIC-IZATION ENGAGED
ZZUUUMMMMMM
F-ZATT!
KRAZZ!
ZNARKLE!
WHA--?
KA-BOOM!


THIS -- IS IMPOSSIBLE!
THE P-PRINCESS --
NO...
A FEEDBACK LOOP OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE TO DISABLE MY ROBOTICIZATION UNIT COULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED--
UNLESS...
-- UNLESS THE SUBJECT WAS ALREADY A ROBOT.
PRINCESS SALLY?!
"THE GENUINE ARTICLE."
WE'VE BEEN WISE TO YOUR GAME FROM THE BEGINNING, ROBOTNIK.
NOW COME ALONG QUIETLY...

...OR MAKE MY DAY!
I THINK NOT!
ALTHOUGH I FAIL TO SEE HOW YOU SAW THROUGH MY LITTLE CHARADE--
K-CHUNG!
K-CHAKT
K-CHUKT!
--I NEVER PLAY WITHOUT A BRILLIANT BACK-UP PLAN!
STEALTH 'BOTS! CRAWLING OUT OF THE WOODWORK!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!!

HAHAHAHA! BID FAREWELL TO YOUR FREE-DOM, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
HAVING DISCOVERED MY "PLAN" YOU MAY HAVE WON THE BATTLE--
--BUT THE WAR WILL YET BE MINE!
KLIKT!
EH?
THE FLOOR--
NOW WHAT?!
RRRUMBBLE!
Y' SAID Y'SELF I WAS LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND, DOC--
--AND HERE THEY COME!
THROOOOM!


DIG IN, MEN!
SECURE THE PERIMETER--
--AND FREE THOSE P.O.W.S!
ARLO! PENELOPE!
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
BELIEVE IT, DOC! IT'S AS REAL AS IT GETS!
WHUMP!
HAI!!!
LT. SMILEY! COMMANDER FLEMING! GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT!
GEOFFREY?
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?
OURS, OF COURSE!
BUT EXPLANATIONS WILL HAVE TO WAIT, UNTIL--
--UNTIL ETERNITY, PRINCESS! ST. JOHN MAY HAVE DECEIVED ME--

--BUT BETRAYAL--
--IS A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD!
BEEP-BEEP-BEEP
SELF-DESTRUCT ACTIVATED
HAVE A NICE LIFE, MY FRIENDS--
SCHOOMP!
00:30
00:29
00:28
--WHAT'S LEFT OF IT!
HAHAHAHA
THE PLACE IS SET TO BLOW!
WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE--
00:27
00:26
00:25
00:24
00:23
UH-OH!
THERE GOES OUR TICKET HOME!
ANY BRIGHT IDEAS, PRINCESS?
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
ONLY ONE, ST. JOHN--
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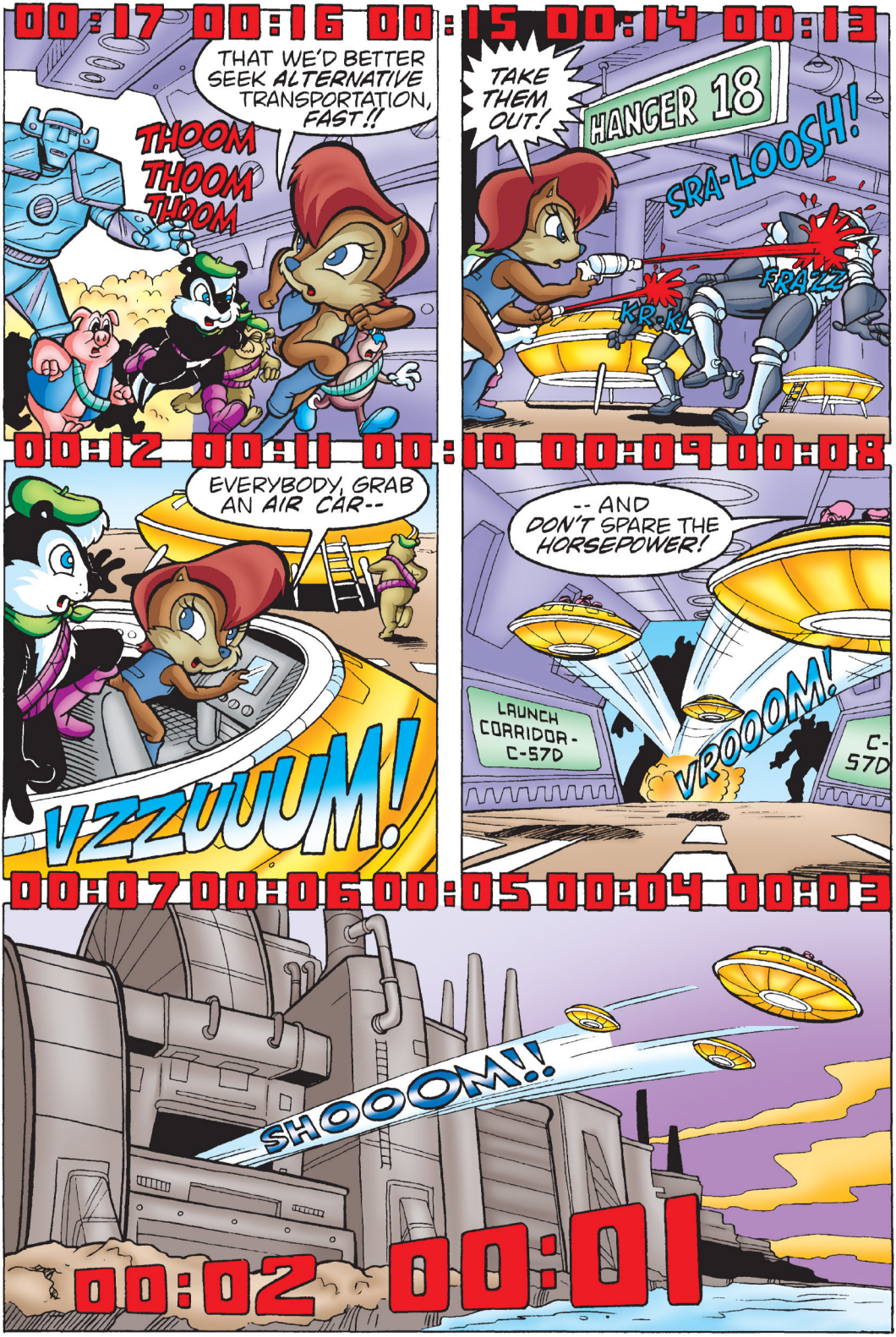
00:18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THAT WE'D BETTER SEEK ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION, FAST!!
THOOM THOOM THOOM
00:16
00:15
TAKE THEM OUT!
HANGER 18
SRA-LOOSH!
FRA'ZZ
KR-KL
00:14
00:13
00:12
EVERYBODY, GRAB AN AIR CAR--
VZZUUUM!
00:11
00:10
-- AND DON'T SPARE THE HORSEPOWER!
LAUNCH CORRIDOR - C-57D
VROOOM!
C-57D
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SHOOOM!!
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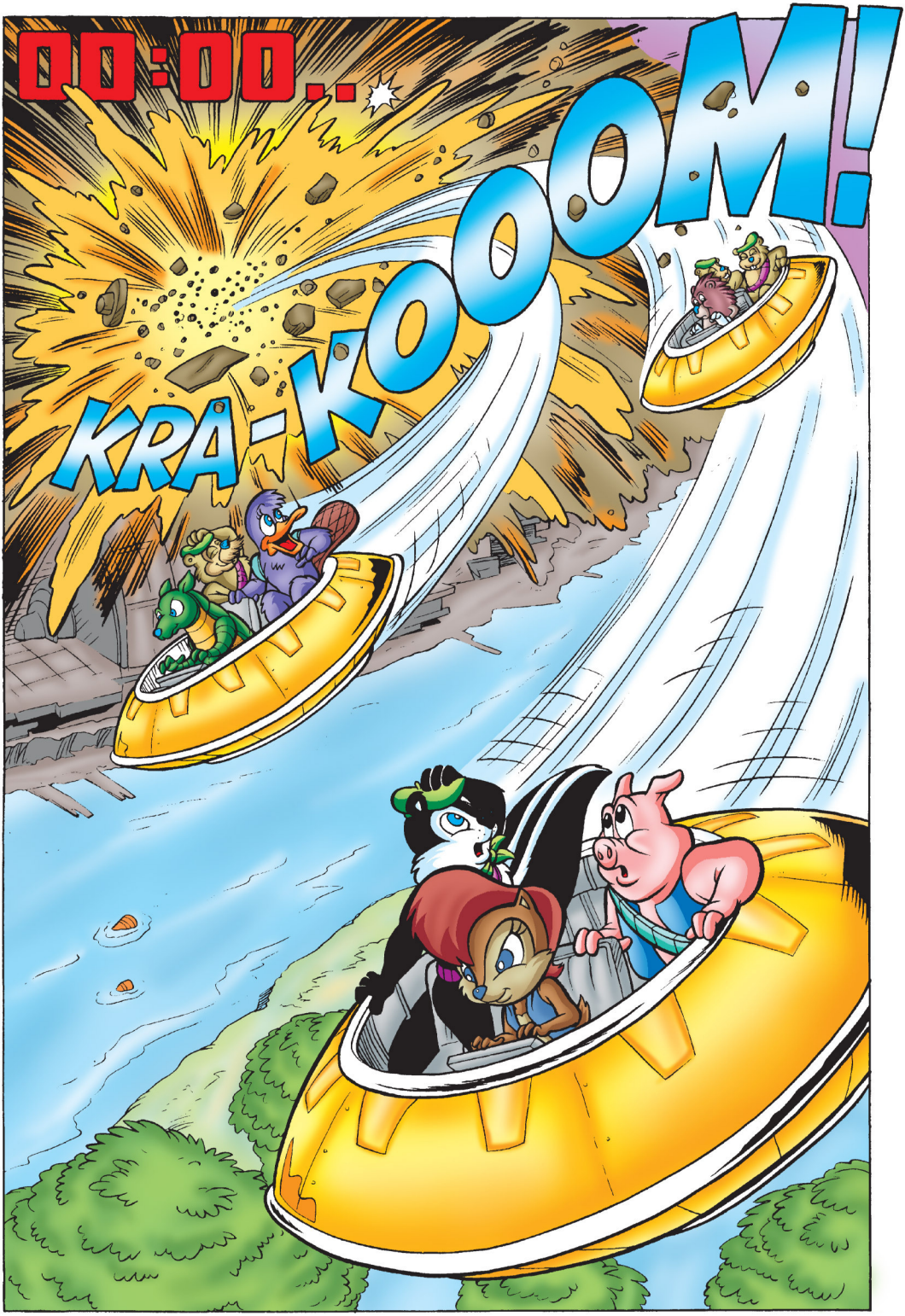
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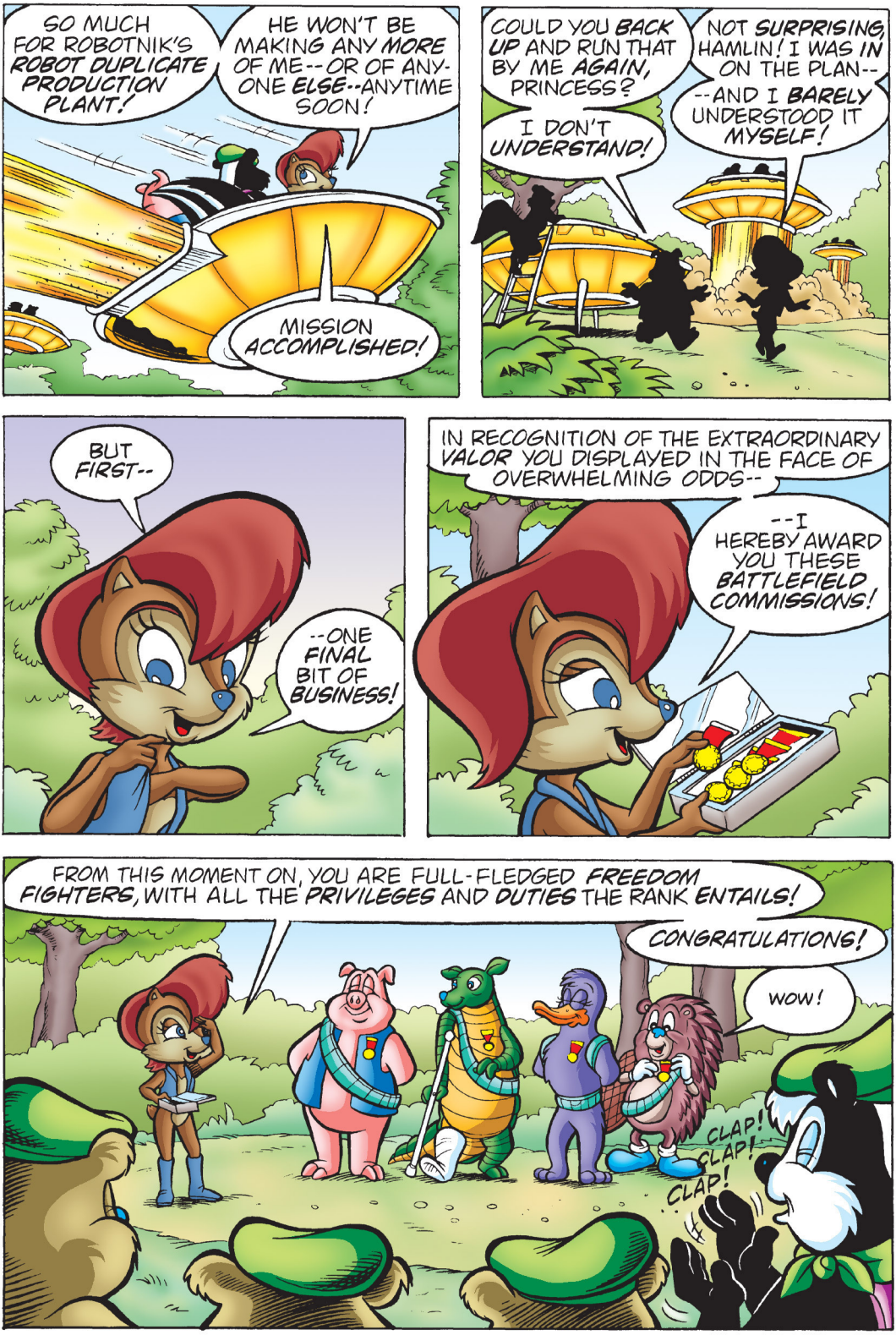
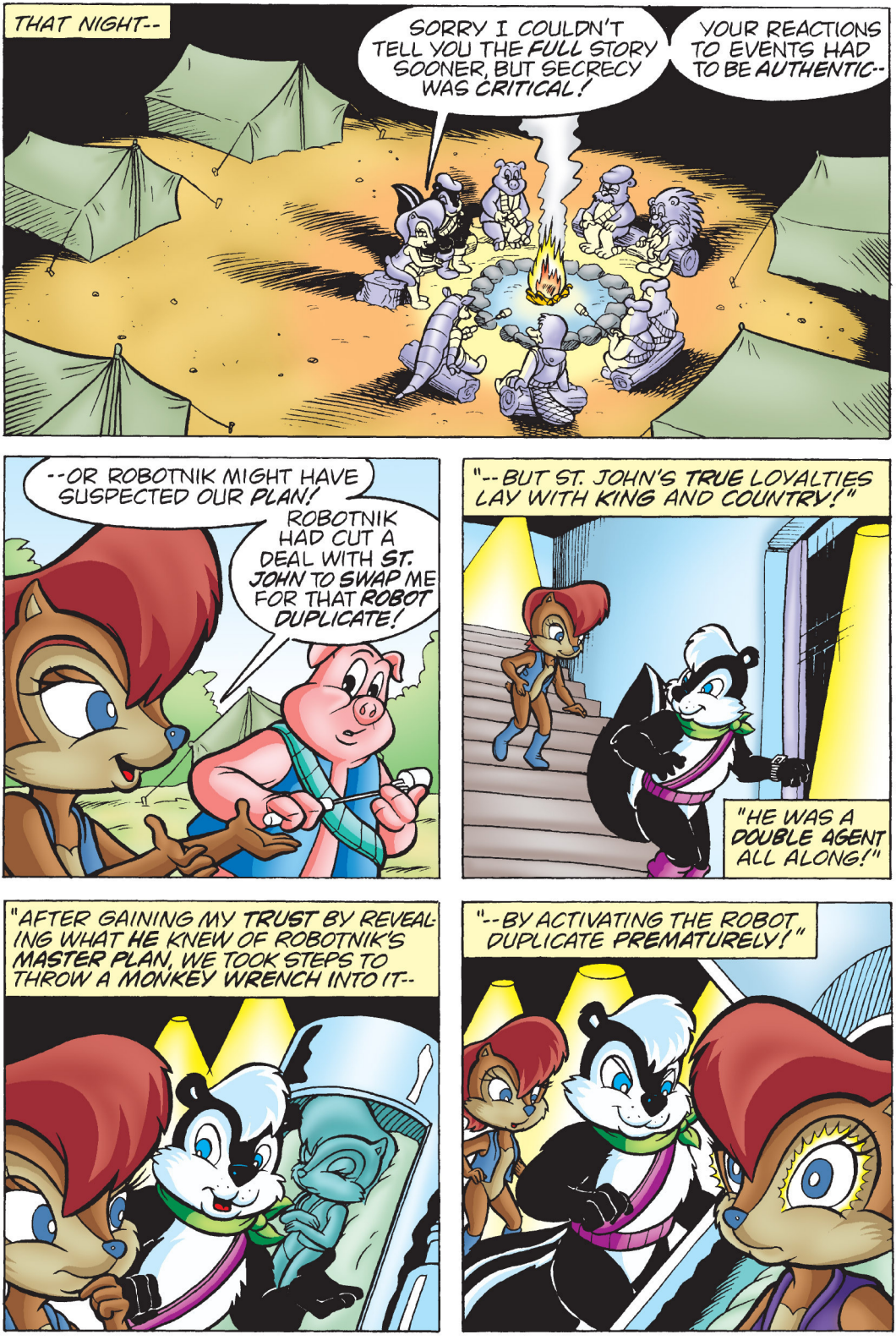
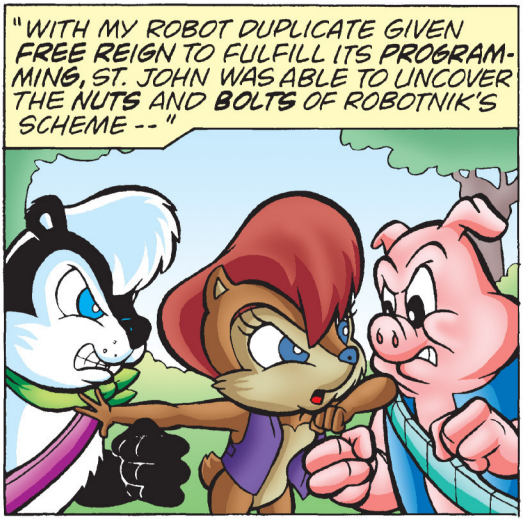
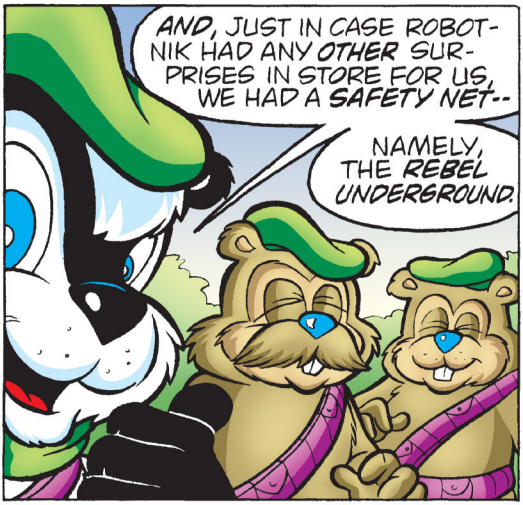
KRA-KOOOM!

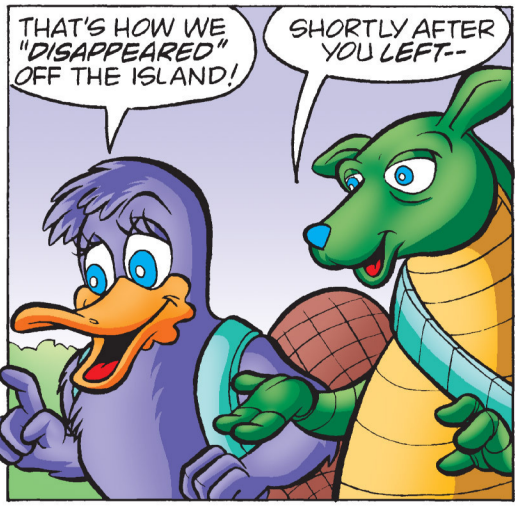

SO MUCH FOR ROBOTNIK'S ROBOT DUPLICATE PRODUCTION PLANT!
HE WON'T BE MAKING ANY MORE OF ME--OR OF ANY-ONE ELSE--ANYTIME SOON!
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!
COULD YOU BACK UP AND RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN, PRINCESS?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
NOT SURPRISING, HAMLIN! I WAS IN ON THE PLAN--
--AND I BARELY UNDERSTOOD IT MYSELF!
BUT FIRST--
--ONE FINAL BIT OF BUSINESS!
IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY VALOR YOU DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING ODDS--
--I HEREBY AWARD YOU THESE BATTLEFIELD COMMISSIONS!
FROM THIS MOMENT ON, YOU ARE FULL-FLEDGED FREEDOM FIGHTERS, WITH ALL THE PRIVILEGES AND DUTIES THE RANK ENTAILS!
CONGRATULATIONS!
WOW!
CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!

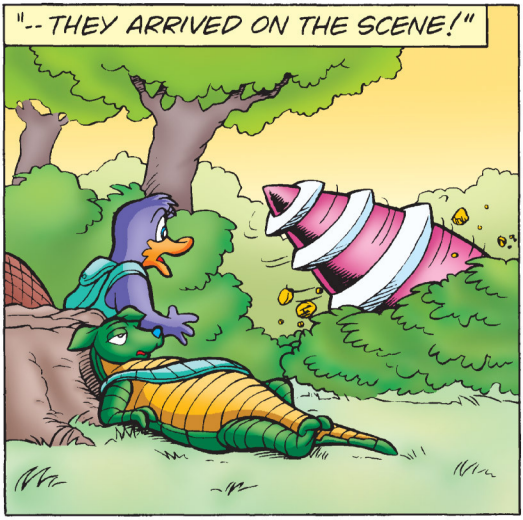

THAT NIGHT--
SORRY I COULDN'T TELL YOU THE FULL STORY SOONER, BUT SECRECY WAS CRITICAL!
YOUR REACTIONS TO EVENTS HAD TO BE AUTHENTIC--
--OR ROBOTNIK MIGHT HAVE SUSPECTED OUR PLAN!
ROBOTNIK HAD CUT A DEAL WITH ST. JOHN TO SWAP ME FOR THAT ROBOT DUPLICATE!
"--BUT ST. JOHN'S TRUE LOYALTIES LAY WITH KING AND COUNTRY!"
"HE WAS A DOUBLE AGENT ALL ALONG!"
"AFTER GAINING MY TRUST BY REVEALING WHAT HE KNEW OF ROBOTNIK'S MASTER PLAN, WE TOOK STEPS TO THROW A MONKEY WRENCH INTO IT--
"--BY ACTIVATING THE ROBOT DUPLICATE PREMATURELY!"

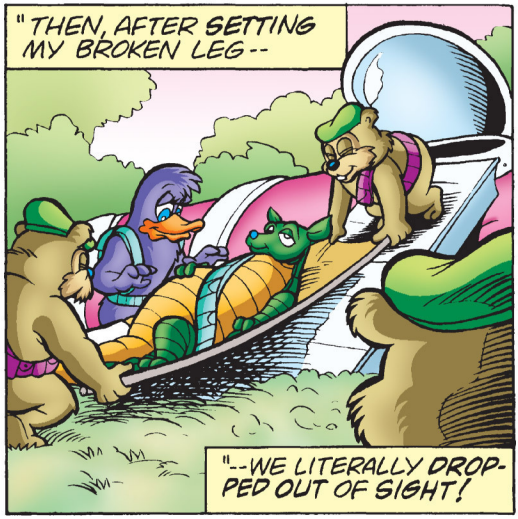

"WITH MY ROBOT DUPLICATE GIVEN FREE REIGN TO FULFILL ITS PROGRAMMING, ST. JOHN WAS ABLE TO UNCOVER THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF ROBOTNIK'S SCHEME --"

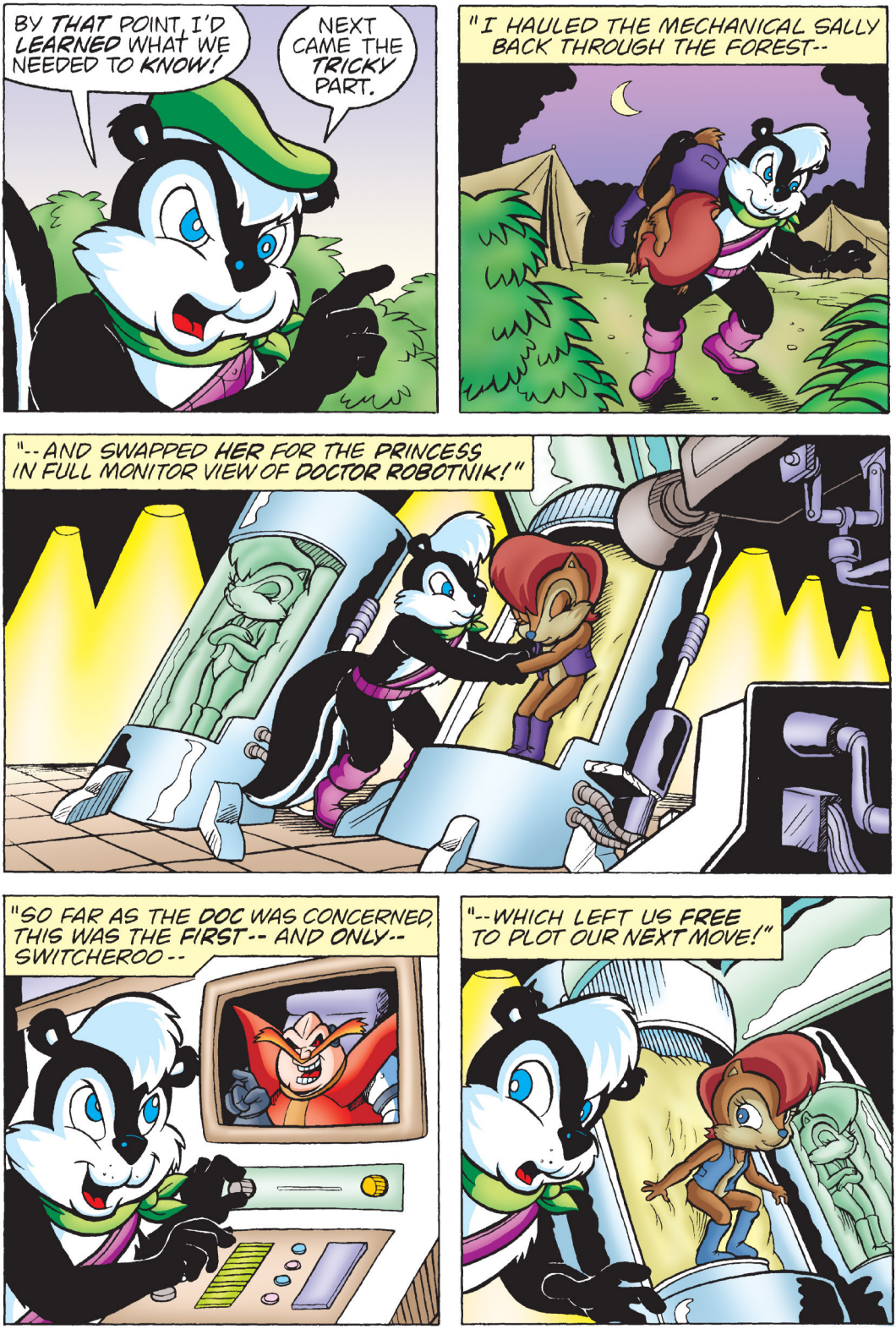
--INCLUDING THE ATTACKS ON THE NEXT TWO ENERGY SUBSTATIONS, WHICH WERE CLEVER DECOYS DEVISED TO TEST THE LEADERSHIP SKILLS OF HIS CREATION!"

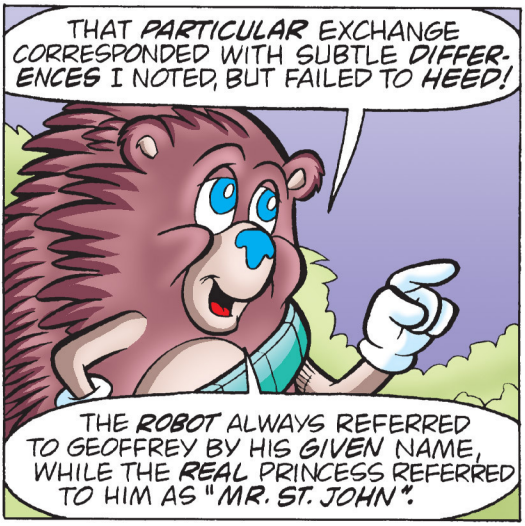

AND, JUST IN CASE ROBOTNIK HAD ANY OTHER SURPRISES IN STORE FOR US, WE HAD A SAFETY NET--
NAMELY, THE REBEL UNDERGROUND.

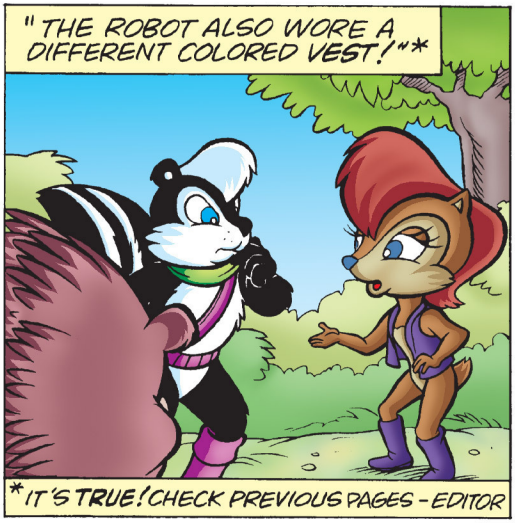

THAT'S HOW WE "DISAPPEARED" OFF THE ISLAND!
SHORTLY AFTER YOU LEFT--

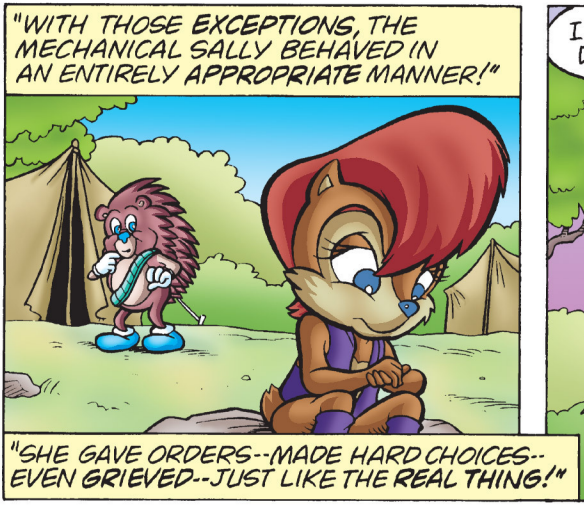

"-- THEY ARRIVED ON THE SCENE!"

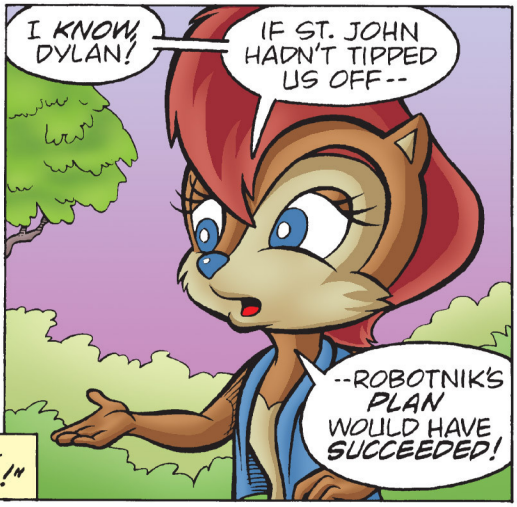

"THEN, AFTER SETTING MY BROKEN LEG--
"--WE LITERALLY DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT!

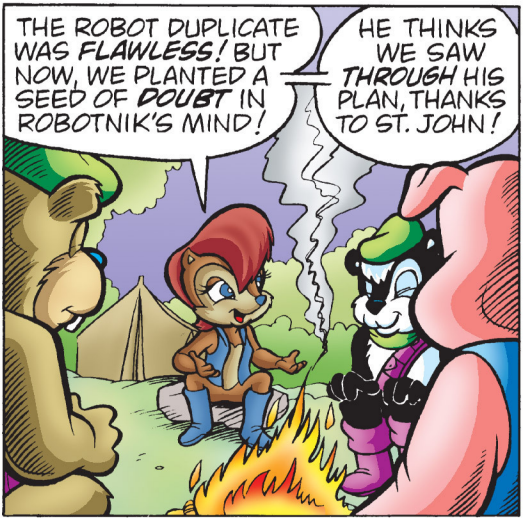

BY THAT POINT, I'D LEARNED WHAT WE NEEDED TO KNOW!
NEXT CAME THE TRICKY PART.
"I HAULED THE MECHANICAL SALLY BACK THROUGH THE FOREST--
"-- AND SWAPPED HER FOR THE PRINCESS IN FULL MONITOR VIEW OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!"
"SO FAR AS THE DOC WAS CONCERNED, THIS WAS THE FIRST -- AND ONLY -- SWITCHEROO --
"--WHICH LEFT US FREE TO PLOT OUR NEXT MOVE!"

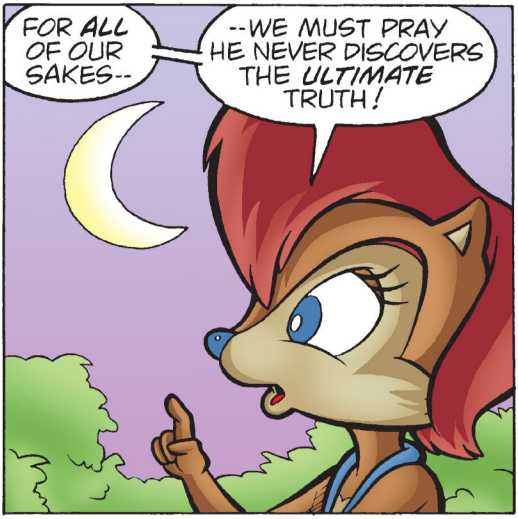

THAT PARTICULAR EXCHANGE CORRESPONDED WITH SUBTLE DIFFERENCES I NOTED, BUT FAILED TO HEED!
THE ROBOT ALWAYS REFERRED TO GEOFFREY BY HIS GIVEN NAME, WHILE THE REAL PRINCESS REFERRED TO HIM AS "MR. ST. JOHN".

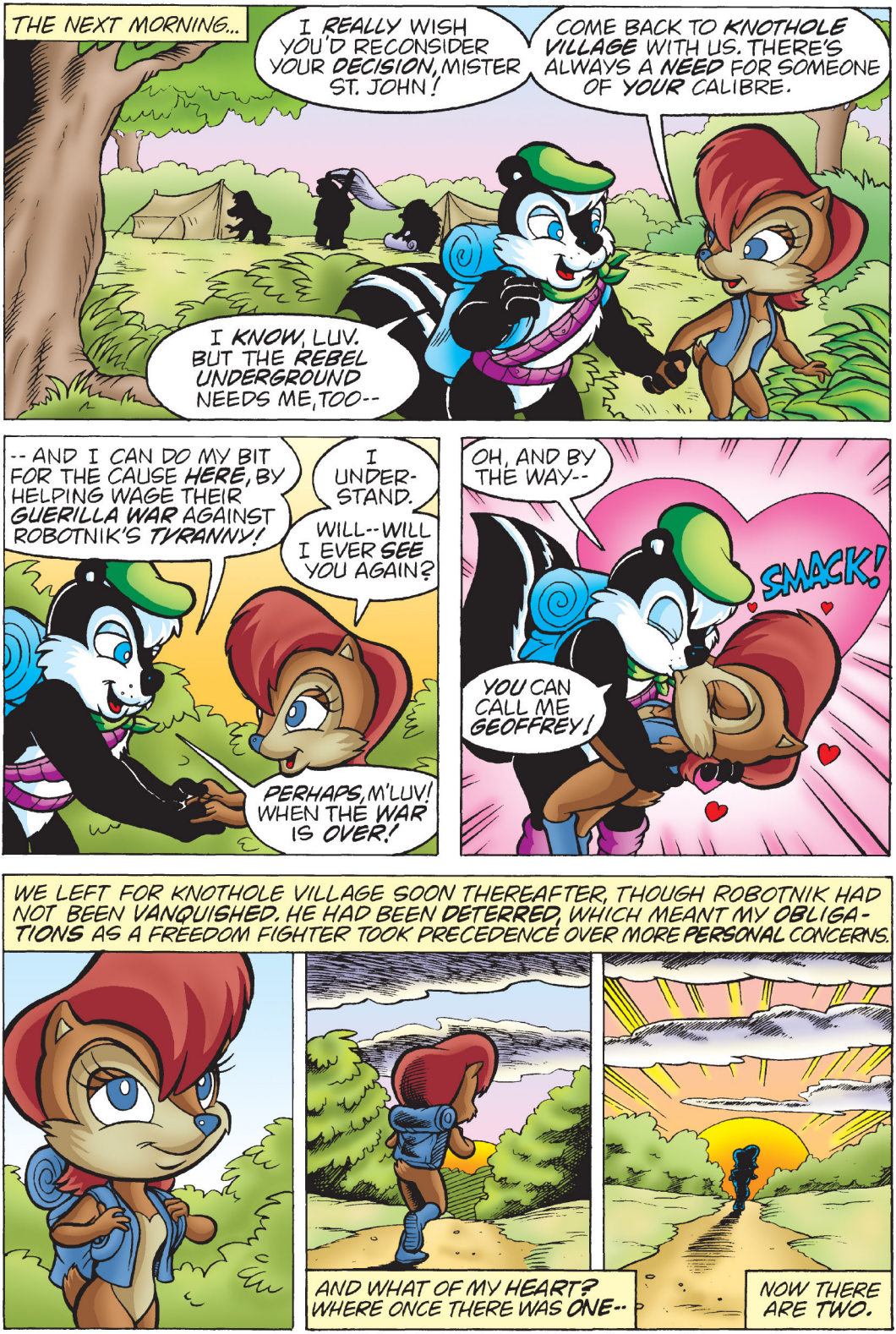

"THE ROBOT ALSO WORE A DIFFERENT COLORED VEST!"*
*IT'S TRUE! CHECK PREVIOUS PAGES - EDITOR


"WITH THOSE EXCEPTIONS, THE MECHANICAL SALLY BEHAVED IN AN ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE MANNER!"
"SHE GAVE ORDERS--MADE HARD CHOICES--EVEN GRIEVED--JUST LIKE THE REAL THING!"


I KNOW, DYLAN!
IF ST. JOHN HADN'T TIPPED US OFF--
--ROBOTNIK'S PLAN WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED!


THE ROBOT DUPLICATE WAS FLAWLESS! BUT NOW, WE PLANTED A SEED OF DOUBT IN ROBOTNIK'S MIND!
HE THINKS WE SAW THROUGH HIS PLAN, THANKS TO ST. JOHN!


FOR ALL OF OUR SAKES--
--WE MUST PRAY HE NEVER DISCOVERS THE ULTIMATE TRUTH!


THE NEXT MORNING...
I REALLY WISH YOU'D RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION, MISTER ST. JOHN!
COME BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WITH US. THERE'S ALWAYS A NEED FOR SOMEONE OF YOUR CALIBRE.
I KNOW, LUV. BUT THE REBEL UNDERGROUND NEEDS ME, TOO--
-- AND I CAN DO MY BIT FOR THE CAUSE HERE, BY HELPING WAGE THEIR GUERILLA WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK'S TYRANNY!
I UNDER-STAND.
WILL--WILL I EVER SEE YOU AGAIN?
PERHAPS, M'LUV! WHEN THE WAR IS OVER!
OH, AND BY THE WAY--
SMACK!
YOU CAN CALL ME GEOFFREY!
WE LEFT FOR KNOTHOLE VILLAGE SOON THEREAFTER, THOUGH ROBOTNIK HAD NOT BEEN VANQUISHED. HE HAD BEEN DETERRED, WHICH MEANT MY OBLIGA-TIONS AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER MORE PERSONAL CONCERNS.
AND WHAT OF MY HEART? WHERE ONCE THERE WAS ONE--
NOW THERE ARE TWO.